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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER BENVENUTO PLANS TRIP TO U.S.

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED WITH AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LEE, BENVENUTO'S PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. IN
LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER AND HIS INTEREST IN MEETING
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WITH TOP LEADERS OF THE AFL-CIO. LEE WAS AGREEABLE TO IDEA
AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE AND HELP ARRANGE APPRO-
PRIATE TOP-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS IN AFL-CIO. HE SAW NO SPECIAL
PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED TIME-FRAME FOR VISIT. HE COULD GIVE
NO ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT
MEANY. THIS WOULD DEPEND ON SPECIFIC DATES OF VISIT AND
MEANY'S AVAILABILITY AT THAT TIME. HE INDICATED THAT IF

MEANY WAS NOT AVAILABLE HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH LANE KIRKLAND.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THIS CONVERSATION, LEE REFLECTED HIS KNOWN LACK OF SYMPATHY FOR BENVENUTO'S TACTICS OF TRYING TO OUTFLANK THE COMMUNISTS FROM THE LEFT, AND HIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH BENVENUTO'S ATTEMPTS, AS HE PUT IT, TO TELL THE AFL-CIO WHO SHOULD REPRESENT THEM AT THE RECENT UIL CONGRESS. WHILE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN

RECEIVING BENVENUTO DURING OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER VISIT, THE AFL-CIO DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE INVITING HIM TO THE UPCOMING AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN DECEMBER.

3. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION AND FYI ONLY AT THIS TIME, PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL BE SENT SHORTLY, THE AFL-CIO HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN HAVING MACARIO, MARINI AND SARTORI ATTEND THE CONVENTION BEGINNING DECEMBER 8.

4. CU/IVP AND LABOR DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST IN PROGRAMMING BENVENUTO. PLEASE ADVISE ETA, HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND UP-DATED BIO DATA, AS WELL AS NEED FOR INTERPRETER. VANCE

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